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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

SUPPLEMENTAL FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 33 (Sub-No. 290X)

November 18, 2010

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

☒ (X) Notice of Exemption ☐ () Petition for Exemption ☐ () Regulated Abandonment

☐ () **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on October 26, 2010 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA did not recommend any environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. No comments were received during comment period, and OEA issued a Final EA on November 10, 2010.

On November 18, 2010, OEA received a late-filed comment from the National Geodetic Survey (NGS). NGS identified 1 geodetic station marker in the area of the proposed abandonment, and has requested notification at least 90 days in advance of any activities that would disturb or destroy this marker in order to plan for its relocation. Accordingly, we recommend that the railroad consult with NGS and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.

Conclusions

OEA recommends that the following new environmental condition be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. Union Pacific Railroad Company shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.

If this condition is imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Fw: NGS Response, STB Docket AB-33 (SUB NO. 290X)

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Subject NGS Response, STB Docket AB-33 (SUB NO. 290X)

Thank you for sharing your railroad abandonment environmental report for North Little Rock, Pulaski County, ARKANSAS.

Approximately 01 geodetic survey marks may be located in the area described.

If marks will be disturbed by the abandonment, [THE RAILROAD] shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb, or destroy any geodetic station

marks are described on the attached file. Additional advice is provided at

<http://geodesy.noaa.gov/marks/railroads/>

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